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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jimmy Thomas, a/k/a "Mookie," DOB: 5/15/1980, of Beloit, Wisconsin, was sentenced on Friday, September 29, 2006 by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 132 months in federal prison for distribution of crack cocaine. Thomas pleaded guilty to the charge on August 2, 2006.

From July 27, 2005 to October 4, 2005, law enforcement agents purchased approximately 38 grams of crack cocaine from Thomas during six separate controlled buys. On May 11, 2006, law enforcement agents recovered an additional 95 grams of crack cocaine at the defendant's residence during a search warrant. Thomas has a prior drug-related felony conviction, and was on parole from state prison during the time period the controlled buys took place.

The charges against Jimmy Thomas were the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Line Area Narcotics Team, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau.

United States Attorney Peterson stated, "This case is another great example of

what can be achieved through the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement."

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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